

dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Petoskey Plastics all the best in its future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN ANDY FEINBERG ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Andy Feinberg on his distinguished retirement from the U.S. Navy.

Captain Feinberg recently completed 30 years of honorable service to the U.S. Navy. Throughout his military career, he has earned many awards and held many titles, too many to list here, but here are a few that set him apart. Captain Feinberg was awarded a Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medals (4 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various unit awards. His life-long service to our great nation has helped keep America safe and free, and we thank him.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I again want to thank Captain Andy Feinberg for his dedicated service to our great country. This former Navy pilot and all of America wish him fair winds and following seas in his retirement. Not for self but country (Non Sibi Sed Patriae).

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY FAIR

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary of the Allegany County Fair.

We are proud of our farmers in Allegany County and the hard work they do. The Allegany County Fair is a celebration of that hard work and an opportunity for friends and neighbors to come together to join in the festivities.

The very first Allegany County Fair was held on October 4, 1844. In its humble beginnings, the first exhibits were limited to livestock, crops, canned goods, and sewing crafts. Until 1855 all exhibits were displayed under one tent. Over time, the fair has grown at a steady rate, acquiring land and building facilities for the fairgrounds. Not even a natural disaster could stand in the way of the fair's success. In the late 1880's a cyclone destroyed and damaged multiple fairground buildings, but the fair continued on, re-constructing what was broken and adding new amenities to the growing attraction. As the Fair has grown in size, it has also grown in popularity, making it a vital part of our communities and their economies.

Every year the Allegany County Fair is dedicated to someone who goes above and beyond to ensure the success of the fair. This

year the fair is recognizing all the volunteers, past and present, who have made the fair a success. Many volunteers involved with the fair use their vacation days to make sure the fair is ready each year. That is why the one hundred seventy-fifth Allegany County Fair is dedicated to "the face in the mirror".

One hundred and seventy-five years of community tradition is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Allegany County Fair on this impressive milestone and look forward to many more fairs in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary of the Allegany County Fair.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BILLY JACKSON THAMES, JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Billy Jackson Thames, Jr., who passed away on Friday, July 12th at the age of 66.

Jack, a lifelong resident of Newton, Mississippi, served six years in the National Guard Unit of Newton. He attended The University of Mississippi and later acquired his law degree from the Mississippi College of Law. Jack returned to Newton to open a private law practice and later served as Assistant District Attorney until his retirement in 2017. Jack and his wife, Wanda, attended Newton United Methodist Church.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Wanda Thames of Newton; his sons—Amos, Zachary, Samuel, and Benjamin; his brother Kirk Thames; and his grandchildren Knox Thames and Harper Thames, as well as many more extended family members.

Jack's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT PAUL EUGENE CALKIN

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, today I rise to mourn the passing of Staff Sergeant Paul Eugene Calkin, a World War Two Army Air Corps veteran who passed away on June 12 at the age of 95.

Staff Sergeant Calkin flew with the 349th Bomb Squadron, 100th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, and the 15th Air Force during the war, based at airfields in Italy and the United Kingdom. He fought in bombardments at Po Valley, the Rhineland, Apennines, and the Battle of the Bulge.

He was never hesitant to share the lessons he learned fighting for freedom with younger generations, even sharing how he was shot down during a visit with students from Valley

View Junior High. After his plane ditched in the English Channel in February, Calkin waited in the freezing water for 40 minutes before he was rescued.

In his time in the Army, Calkin was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Good Conduct Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four bronze battle stars, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the American Defense Medal, and the RAF Gold Fish Medal. In 2000, the Department of Defense awarded Calkin the Purple Heart for injuries he sustained in combat half a century earlier, and in 2013 the French Republic awarded him the French Legion of Honor for his role in liberating France from tyranny.

I invite Congress to join me in extending condolences to Paul Eugene Calkin's family and recognizing his service to the United States and the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIE STROUD

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Willie Stroud, Jr. Willie, a 96-year old World War II Veteran, plans to attend his Webb, Rowell, Fielder and Lockhart Family Reunion at the end of July. He was born in Auburn, Alabama, in 1922 to Will Stroud Sr. and Ida Mae Rowell Stroud. Willie was inducted in the U.S. Army in 1943 and served until 1946. While in the 25th Infantry, he was a truck driver and Rifle Specialist. He received the American Theater Service and the World War II Victory Medals. With an honorable discharge, Willie, his siblings and his Mother migrated to Roseville, Michigan, and settled there after the Army.

Willie worked as a truck driver for Roadway, making deliveries of freight throughout the United States and later worked in a steel mill in Detroit, Michigan. Later in life, he decided to become a business owner, buying a truck to become the beloved "Vegetable Man" in the blue truck on the east side of Detroit. He also owned and operated several fish markets on the eastside of Detroit and even has a secret batter for frying fish.

Willie married several times and was blessed with several children: Arabelle (deceased), Rodger (deceased), Roscoe, Lany, Brenda (deceased) and Deborah Stroud. He currently resides with his daughter in Southfield, Michigan. He enjoys church, traveling, shopping, spending time with family during his yearly birthday bash and attending the Family Reunions over the years.

Willie plans to attend the family picnic and banquet at the Loachapoka Enrichment Center, and church service at Mt Pelia Missionary Baptist Church in Camp Hill, Alabama. The Webb, Rowell, Fielder and Lockhart Family will also attend the Civil Rights Museum in Montgomery during the reunion at the end of the month.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the life of Willie Stroud, Jr.